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GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION. In sixty-seven American cities what is called the Des Moines plan of musvernment has been adopted Under this plan the ward system has eliminated, direct responsibility secured and the supremacy of the people other city officers. The result has tration of the public affairs, the retirement of the ward boss and ward and the management of the affairs with such fidelity as would be required in the management concerns of a large manufac-

or commercial business.

Mr. John J. Hamilton, who has beer a careful student of the question of government, has written ment of the City Eoss," in which he the practical benefits that have been obtained by the commissio "has its story of deficits wiped out, floating debts taken up, bonds re business methods introduced long-standing nuisances abated, laws enforced, books kept better, street kept cleaner, public works more hon constructed, public building erected, additional parks and playgrounds acquired, economies enforce and taxes reduced. Moreover, they al report a revival of public spirit and improvement in business resulting from better city conditions.' Every where 'leaks have stopped, system has taken the place of chaos, efficiency has been substituted for poor service promptness for hopeless procrastina tions, lower for higher tax levies, and better values received for the public

remedy in their own hands. If the uties, if they do not administer the government to the satisfaction of the efficiency. governed, if they are incapable of reckless or dishonest, upon the petition of a certain number of the qualified voters of the community they can people and the government closer to gether. It makes for greater effi affairs. It fixes the responsibility s that the irresponsible can be readily discovered. It knocks the chief prop out from under the ward politicians.

There has been a good deal of talk in Richmond about trying the plan here. We think it would be a good

PURE PETTIFOGGING.

charged with the investigation of Ballinger, will make their feport this week and that the majority of the committee hold that no evidence has been submitted that in any way involves the integrity of Ballinger or any other officer of the Interior Department. It is said, further, that the report will be critical of Pinchot and associated with him in the territory. Says The Constitution; prosecution. The record in the case fills about 11,000 printed pages. The minority will make a report, it is said, that will criticize the Ballinger side of the controversy, and Repre sentative Madison, of Kansas, will make an individual report. All the reports, it is believed, will acquit Ballinger of any wrongdoing. A lame and impotent conclusion, surely, after all these weeks of sleuthing and all the perch-climbing that the Garfield-Glavis-Kerby-Henry Watterson-Colliers' Weekly Sherlock Holmeses have done.

made at this ression of Congress or been much helped in his endeavors by be postponed until the next session. Is liberal men throughout the country It really not about time to quit this and since the war the white taxpay all over this case from the beginning.

Neither of these worthies belongs to them than why they should stand by it is taken. What a great thing it San Francisco, in Atlanta or in Louis-Ballinger and the Administration, and the Democrats should stand by

ailies have failed to convict Ballinger of any criminal act or intent,

THE OPEN DOOR IN RICHMOND. Since the close of the eigh-

century Richmond has teenth been a liberal patron of the theatre and all the better forms of had the chance to show their appre-Daily without Sunday... 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 world. Unfortunately, the chief place Weekly (Wednesday)... 1.00 .50 .55 ... of amusement here is controlled by the theatrical trust, which experience has proved has little regard for the wishes of the public. Three or four good attractions in a season do not 14 cents excuse the flood of sorry plays that are forced upon the community. There is no trust that has been so exacting as the theatrical trust, and none that deserves so little popular favor. What is needed in Richmond now i

the open door in the theatrical world. This is one of the ten towns in the United States that is in the hands of the trust, and the time has come when it should be emancipated from such control. There are, according to very high authority, good trusts and batrusts. The theatrical trust belongs distinctly to the latter class. The trust freezes out the independents an After all, the trust depends upon the public. There are far better fish in been swimming in our waters since it became necessary for the travelling schools of histrionics to bear the Klaw taken. He has been Mayor not quite & Erlanger trademark. What is wanted is the open door at the Academy of Music, and the survival of the

A NAVY FIT FOR WAR.

One reason we like Secretary Meyer of the Navy Department, is that he loes not parade Pennsylvania Aver with a brass band every day. He does his work, and he does it well: he makes his changes and he makes then thoroughly, but he does not stand and bid all nations look and wonder. a fact heretofore unknown in his Department-that paval business is

a reorganization of the Navy. It was hide-bound and half a score of moss Washington who looked on any change in the naval routine as an act ever, and now he has finished his work the new plan of coaling has saved nonths, and that the new olling regulations have saved an equal sum in engineering has been established; ships, and systematic overhauling has been ordered for every ship after i a great deal in repairs and permanen

As a result of these reforms, Meyer says the navy is now fit for fective than it was a year ago, like to know, as a matter of record for war? If it is worth anything, it is because it can be called on at any moment; and if it be not ready, some of the Colonel's much vaunted Secre taries of former days must have been tump-speaking when they should have been attending to business.

THE HEATHEN AT HOME.

The Atlanta Constitution is hotfooting it just now for missionary work among the negroes, and re-Methodist Conference recently in session at Asheville because it made no provision for evangelizing this "horde of barbarians witkin call of their altars," The Conference provided bishops and confer ences and all the means of grace for Japan, Korea, Brazil and Mexico; but did nothing for the negro in their own

"In America, at this moment, mil-lions of negroes are living in figura-tive jungles of ignorance, of actual or passive immerality and criminal ity, of contempt for or ignorance o contempt for or ignorance of law, of brooding resentment and fetichism to evil and superstition side which the darkness of Africa and China and South America is as noon-

That is rather extravagant both in form and sense. The negro, in fact, is almost as well provided for in a re ligious way as his white neighbor. He has his own churches and Sunday schools and colleges and universities, is said that the committee will his bishops and other clergy, and he is hold a meeting this week and decide doing in his own way what he can whether or not the report shall be for the uplift of his race. He has pettifogging? The committee is to be ers of the South have paid something censured for the slow progress it has like \$150,000,000 for his education. Of From the first, course, this does not excuse any one it was evident to any honest mind that of the evangetical churches for their ama Exposition which they plan to there was nothing in the case except failure to provide for the religious ina miserable effort on the part of struction of the brother in black; but Pinchot and Garfield to "get even" our observation has been that the newith Ballinger, and in their dirty gro prefers to be taught in spiritual business they have been aided and things by ministers and teachers o abetted by a number of amiable but his own race. The white man's reshort-sighted gentlemen moved by a ligion in this country does not seem mistaken idea that anything is fair to suit him as well as his own rein politics. Nothing is fair, however, ligion, but it does look a little strange that falls, and failure has been written that the white churches should ex If the minority shall criticize Bailinger it will do only what Glavis and Kerby have done all along at the instigation of Pinchot and Garfield. The theory of missions is "fly abroad. thou mighty gospel," and if it never light at home that will be all the better, probably, for the people to whom attacked an exposition to be held in

shoeing, Pinchot and Garfield and their Africa so that they might be ministered unto by the flourishing missions that are maintained in that dark land.

LET GAYNOR GROW.

Archibald R. Watson, corporation counsel of New York City, journeyed to Louisiana a few days ago to deliver an address before the Bar Association of that State. We do not know who he was invited, or what the lawyers wanted him to talk about, but we are told that when he opened fire at the meeting, he talked of little else than Mayor Gaynor, of his home town. He held Gaynor up as a model of what a Mayor should be, and he said that the former judge was the coming man of New York and of the nation.

The Louisiana lawyers know hawk from a handsaw, and were not very long in catching the burden of Mr. Watson's song, Plainly enough they said. Gaynor's lawyer is down among us preaching for Gaynor and cche Gaynor for the Presidency. The Louisianians have no objection to this, but they thought that they might as well tell the other Southern people, so that whoseever invited Watson might know what he would talk about.

Presuming that the Bar Association correctly diagnosed Mr. Watson's mission, we think the latter is going a little too fast for the times. Judge Gaynor may be a good man. He may be good enough to be elected President of the United States, and we believe he is, but he must grow a little more before his final measurement can be half a year, and he has done man things well: but the people will war to see how he looks when he has tw years of his term behind him before they begin to think of naming him as the party choice for the higher offic Infant prodigies are seldom brainy men, and mushroom statesmen sometimes wither in the sun.

LORIMER THINKING ABOUT IT. Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, has

finally reached Washington, and they say that he is thinking about calling for an investigation of the charges that have been made that he bought his way into the Senate. He should be encouraged to press forward in his people know about it the less foreign noble purpose; but we fear that he else will get ahead of him. There does not appear to be any doubt that he will be investigated, soon or late, and unless he knows that he is guilty he ought to demand that his whole record be stripped and insist that he sha will fall, and fall hard, if the Chicago ribune has not basely slandered him.

cused the benefit of a fair trial, it does not matter whether he has stolen horse or bought a seat in the United great many speeches on questions of returns from a cruise, thereby saving civic virtue; he was in Richmond som months ago and talked then about the high duties of good citizenship. He did not look guilty then, only a little quiet and self-restrained and self-conscious of indigestion or some other secret, and we are not willing to condemn him unheard. What we insist upon is that he shall force the fighting contemporaries remarked some day ago, a bluff is always good if it can only get by. This is the time for Senator Lorimer to try the bluff or throv

MR. BRYAN, QUIT YOUR FOOLING

When Mr. Bryan was asked, just as he was sailing for Liverpool from when young James Madison entered New York last week, what he thought its portals to learn his first lessons plied that there were several good Southern tone, has graduated many and if he shall think, when the time comes that a certain gentleman from Nebraska would be the most available man, pray, can anybody tell us why, feeling his responsibility for the Democratic party and the country as no other man has ever felt it, he should not do his best to have that man nomi nated? To ask the question is to answer it, no; a thousand times, no. Besides, it is as certain as anything can be that when Mr. Bryan returns from Europe about the first of July he will bring back with him a port manteau full of paramount issues and what the party and the country needs above everything else just now paramount issues. One of these days we shall find a paramount that will carry us through without apologizing to anybody for it and what we do The statement of Mr. Bryan recent formal statement that he expected to stay in politics as long a

THE SUN AND THE SHOW. Some of the Southern newspapers New York Sun has opposed the Panhold at New Orleans. Several of the Crescent City papers descend from their cathedral dignity and tell the Sun to go to the devil, so to say, and becomes sedate, Powers like them-Even the Mobile Register, selves. which has absolutely nothing to de with the matter, concludes that the Sun is either opposed to all exposi tions or clse wishes to be smart by taking a position contrany to that

held by the press of the East.

The trouble with our Southern brethren is that they do not know the ways of the Sun. It really does not mean any harm, and it would have particularly since, with all their gum- | barbarians", among us should go to limping sarcasm. The Sun grows fat

on laughing at other people, and there else than the varying expressions of is nothing it enjoys more than to see the Christian consciousness and rea-its intended victim squirm. When it son, in their efforts more completely can attack an idol of the South and to realize, comprehend and express the succeed in drawing forth a hot retort original siruple elements of truth as from a Southern champion it goes of they are recorded in Scripture. The into its corner and chuckles most un- study of the creeds would be nothing

reasonably. the Sun is good-natured at heart, its reflex settlements after the great agieducation was neglected and it was brought up in the wrong environment. Had it been evolved somewhere in this Happy Land, it would have shone through a cloudless sky and would of the creed of that Church we do not it lives in a murky atmosphere and shines through the mists of a cloudmanship. laden world. When it is not hazy or hidden its light is always flitting.

A LONG, LONG SESSION, The word has gone down the line in Washington that adjournment will hardly take place before July 15. Anxious Congressmen who have fights sounding a horn which he wants to in their districts may writhe and complain, and party managers whose States are hanging in the balance the whips, but the House is the author would talk when there was no occasion for many words, and they will court, now have to pay for it,

With this announcement comes the pass the railroad bill before it ad journs and will, of course, approve the to say that which are likely to be put on the long, long session. Congress, in other last December, and will probably giv birth to a single sickly babythe railroad bill, that nobody admires

This strikes us as a poor showing for American lawmakers. If they have exceptions in the fire, important measures to pass, are they not men enough to put them on the statute books, regardless of the elections? If they have nothing to do, why do not they journey homeward and mend their fences? Staying in Washington is bad enough at any time without the farce of pretended lawmaking

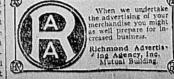
GREATER PRINCETON.

Woodrow Wilson, of Virginia, exiled as president of Princeton, will have peace on his campus and joy in his trustees' rooms, now that Isaac C, Wyman has left Princeton an estate valued at from \$3,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The trustees have been criticizing Dr. Woodrow for declining the half-million dollar Proctor gift, and they have been hinting that things were not as they might be, but now that he has landed a prize from six to sixty times as large as that Mr. Proctor proposed to give, no man can say that Dr. Wilson is not wise in his day and generation.

The Wyman gift comes at a fortunate time for Princeton. The great school is in a period of transition. The splendid undergraduate college, which Dr. imer a square deal. He has made a Wilson has done so much to upbuild, is in a flourishing condition, but the school has sadly lacked in graduate instruction. It has been compelled, in most cases, to send its graduates to Johns Hopkins or to Columbia, or even to its rival, Harvard, for their postgraduate training, and it has, in conse quence, lost not only an academic atmosphere, but the support of thousands of men whose allegiance is to their against his enemies. As one of our last alma mater. Princeton can now change all this, can keep her graduates within her gates, and can advance into graduate work with ample means and ample assurances of success.

The South will rejoice not less than the North at this great gift to this great school. Princeton has always been dear to the South, since the days about Presidential candidates, he re- in statecraft. Princeton has kept its men in sight, but that it is too early Southern men, and has always been to discuss candidates seriously. Mr. possessed of that liberal spirit, that Bryan is right. There is time enough, true scholarship and that genuine use

senderably and that genuine uses (clines which makes a college national and control of the contr is especially significant in view of his | Church in America; it is the same



else than the study of theology in its The reason for this is that while highest historical development-in its tations of Christian thought had run their course." What special reason there was that influenced the Methodist Conference to change the form

invariably very careful in their work-JUDGE COMMON SENSE.

know. The men who framed it were

The lawyers of Dr. Hyde, the convicted Kansas City murderer, noted a thousand exceptions to the conduct of the physician's trial and are hoping that one of the thousand will get the condemned man a new trial. The yers took no chances. They objected to every ruling of the court, noted exceptions with every breath of the premay sigh with regret and swear at siding judge and filled a considerable volume with their contentions. These of its own punishment. Its members are now being digested, and will soon be ready for the inspection of the

The judge who hears the appeal for a new trial will thus have to wade further statement that Congress may through reams of legal quibbles and senseless exceptions; but it is safe appropriation bills, but that these are no palpable violation of the law in the only measures of any importance the conduct of the case, the Judge will statute books as the fruits of this tions noted by the lawyers. If he do otherwise, the chances are that he words, will have been in travail since may be ready to hear another case before Christmas time. As it is, h will merely ask himself, was justice done the accused man, and if he i satisfied with an affirmative answer he will, figuratively at least, throw the

Such being the case, it is evident that the red tape about the conduct of criminal cases might be cut withbenefit to the administration of justice. Why waste time when the ques tion is one of fundamental justice, and why burden the courts when common sense is the real judge?

THE COLONEL HAS A GOOD DAY. terday and put up at the town house of Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur H. Lee, who was military attache of the British Embassy at Washington in 1899. That will make it yery pleasant for both host and guest. Lord Lonsdale gave a luncheon yesterday to the

Daily Queries and Answers

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Traction Engines.

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1. Is there a law requiring a person who runs a traction engine on the country roads to keep a man ahead of engine to hold horses?

2. When you meet a traction engine on a vehicle, does the law allow the party running engine more than half the road?

A READER.

1. Yes.

1. Yes.
2. No, but it is very difficult, as you know, to move a traction engine from its place, and is generally easier for all parties concerned for the driver of the vehicle to get out of the road as far as possible.

We have no report of such storms Julian E. Connor.
A reader from Dillwyn informs us that

A reader from Dillwyn informs us that Julian E. Conner, whose address was re-quested some days ago, can be reached by R. F. D. from Dillwyn, Va.

Husband's Rights in Wife's Property.
William Klinckle Allen, of Amherst.
Va. furnishes the following note on husband's rights in wife's property.
'Under section 2517 of the Code of Virginia, the will of the woman would be revoked by her subsequent marriage, and in the absence of another will being duly published by her after her last marriage, she would die intestate, and both her husband and her children (by both marriages) would take just as though no will had ever been executed by the woman in the first instance."

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Linet Sayings of Famous Persons.

R. S. Wherry informs us that a number of last sayings of famous persons of famous persons.

can be found in Brewer's "Dictionary, of Phrase and Fable."

Law Against Striking Man Wearing Glasses.

Is there a law in Virginia or in any other State in which a \$50 fine is lmposed for striking a man wearing glasses? Is there any difference in the assault, whether a man is wearing glasses or not? A READER We have never heard of such a law, and do not think that the glasses have anything to do with the offense.

the vehicle to get out of the road as far as possible.

Snow in May.

Please tell me if, within the last three years, we had snow and sleet in May in Eastern North Carolina.

W.E. J. JR.

We have no report of such storms.

The Fifteenth Amendment.
Please tell me which States refused to ratify the afteenth amendment.
A TEACHER Kentucky. California, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey and Oregon rejected the amendment outright. Tennessee did not act on it. New York rescinded its ratification. In the Southern States this amendment was forced through by military ruling.

The Chief Pension Agent, Where is the chief pension pension agent

STATE OFFICE GOES TO LORD CARRINGTON

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

ORD CARRINGTON, who in addition to his office of Minister of Agriculture has now become, through the accession of King George. Lord Great Chamberlain of the half-dozen great offices of state, was one of the oldest friends of the late King and one of the very few of Edward VII,'s cronies of whom his mother, Queen Victoria, was very fond. She bestowed upon him many marks of favor, promoting him from a barony to an earldom and appointing him to all sorts of offices, including those of captain of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and lord chamberlain of the household, which must not be confounded with the office of Lord Great Chamberlain of the Camberlain of the chamberlain of the chamberlain of the mosehold, which must not be confounded with the office of Lord Great Chamberlain of the household that Lord Carrington, in fulfilling his edutes as censor of the drama, had himmorable encounter with Fay Templeton on the subject of her costume, when he was appearing at the Gaiety the landon.

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and a luncheon yesterday to the Colonel, and among the guests were memorable encounter with Fay responsible to the resulting things down the house of the resulting things down the plains in this country. We have no doubt that the Colonel enjoyers ago the associated or "throwing" cows out the plains in this country. We have no doubt that the Colonel enjoyers and the first of the plains in this country. We have no doubt that the Colonel enjoyers and the first of the plains in this country. We have no doubt that the Colonel enjoyers and the first of the plains in this country. We have no doubt that the Colonel enjoyers and the first of the plains in this country. We have seemed almost life to the plains in this country. We have no doubt that the Colonel enjoyers and the first of the plains in this country. We have seemed almost the plains in this country. We have no doubt that the Colonel enjoyers and the direct of the plains in this country. We have seemed almost the plains in this country. We have no doubt that the Colonel enjoyers of the mass and that for the most of the most plain the plains in this country. We have seemed almost the plains in this country. We have seemed almost the plains in this country. We have seemed almost the colonel enjoyers and the direct of the most plain the most of th

may be destroying their crops, and dispossess the tenants from their homes unless they adhere to the Church of England, and vote, not according to their political views, but in deference to the views of the landlord. Once, when twitted of thinking more of his tenants and of the workingmen on his estate than of his own order, Lord Carrington, replied: "Why not? My family were working people themselves only a few generations ago."

The office of Lord Great Chamberlain of England, which carries with it the custody of the Palace of Westminster, where the two houses of Parliament hold their deliberations, and the direction of all the arrangements of coronations, dates from, the twelfth century, when it was conferred by King Henry I, upon the Earl of Oxford and his descendants.

Lord Carrington, the Earl of Ancaster (whose son and heir is married to Miss Eloise Breese, of New York), and the Marquis of Cholmondeley, have each of them a right to the office as descended from the sisters and coheresses of Henry de Vere, the eighteenth and last Earl of Oxford. After much litigation, it was decided by the Court of Claims in 1962 that if the three claimants to the office could not agree among themselves, the King should appoint one of them to serve as Lord Great Chamberlain. His intervention, however, proved unnecessary. They effected a compromise, according to which they hold it in alternate reigns. Thus the Marquis of Cholmondeley was the Lord Great Chamberlain during the reign of King Edward, and from the moment of his death, the office, which carries with it no salary, but great power and prestige, passed, ipse facto, to Lord Carrington. Next will come the turn of Lord Ancaster,

